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Secretary Veneman:

Our nation's farmers and ranchers produce the best commodities in the world, and they should be able to differentiate their products from those of countries that may have disease or food safety concerns. Besides, America's consumers and trading partners are concerned about the origin of our meat, especially after the recent "mad cow" case in Canada. Please work with USDA to implement this important legislation. If the omnibus spending measure contains the anti-COOL language, I urge you to oppose it.

Sincerely,

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